

necessities in Nebraska require that we have a single Department. Now the amendment and I just explain this by way of background to the amendment, the way the bill originally came in we were going to set up a commission to set up the Department of Corrections and to have the Director appointed by a commission. Upon reflection and upon listening to those who appeared before the committee and upon consultation with the Governor's office upon this particular matter, it was decided it would be far better to follow what is the national recommendation also to have the Governor appoint the Director of the Department of Corrections. So the basic amendments deal with striking the Commission, allowing the Governor with the advice of the Legislature to appoint the Director as with all other code officers and the rest of them and the only other amendment was that which would take out any reference to the Nebraska Center for Children and Youth which used to be known as Whitehall out here which was included in the original bill but which for administrative purposes it was determined, in talking with Mr. Riddell and in talking with the Governor's staff, would not be too feasible at this time. So the amendments merely restore the Governor's appointive powers for the Director of Corrections and then take out the reference to the Nebraska Center for Children and Youth.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of 563? The amendments? The question is, shall the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor say aye, those opposed say no. Committee amendments are adopted. Are there other amendments on the desk?

CLERK: There's one further amendment offered by Senator Luedtke. Reads amendment.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move adoption of this amendment. This amendment, when this bill came into the fiscal office for review, they immediately began to decide how would this department operate, what would you have to take from the Department of Institutions and how would it work and it was immediately decided that there would have to be a headquarters for the Department and the best place would be at the regional center cite where the Department of Institutions offices are located and that's exactly where they are now but it would be necessary that if we have this new department that there be transferred to this new department this building number 14 which would be the administrative offices for such an operation. This is merely a transfer at no cost which was of no cost to the taxpayers. Just a matter of, the routine necessary to accomplish a purpose.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke, are you through with that amendment? Is there any further discussion of the amendment? Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I'd just like to ask a question of Senator Luedtke. Are you setting up a new Department, Senator Luedtke?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes, in effect it's a separate department, it's not a new department. We've had a Department of Corrections under Institutions but it is a new department.

SENATOR SYAS: All right, then you're going to have to I think under the, I think you are required to do that more votes on Final Reading than normal, isn't that right?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: This is probably true, I've not looked into that but I think you are correct.

SENATOR SYAS: I think you have to have about 33.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: 30 isn't it, or is it 33?

SENATOR SYAS: I don't know, 30 or 33.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, we'll check on that.